

GEORGE H. SWEET.

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Mr. BALL, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 3806.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3806) granting an increase of pension to George H. Sweet, have examined the same and report:

The report of the Committee on Pensions of the House of Representatives, hereto appended, is adopted and the passage of the bill is recommended.

The House report is as follows:

George H. Sweet, of Linden, Union County, N. J., enlisted November 1, 1847, as a private in Company H, First U. S. Infantry, and after service in the war with Mexico was honorably discharged July 23, 1848, and for this service he is now a pensioner at the rate of \$12 per month.

The papers accompanying the bill show that claimant is now about 74 years old, broken in health and unable longer to do manual and mental labor incident to his business as a journalist, and that aside from the modest property which he occupies as a home he has nothing, aside from a small plot of ground assessed at \$200 and personal property assessed at \$25, the latter consisting mainly of a few old books and personal apparel; and further, that his only income is his pension and what little he can earn when the opportunity is presented through the kindness of some friends. It is also shown that the property where he lives is mortgaged; that his wife is a confirmed invalid of long standing, now in her sixtieth year.

The facts are fully verified by the testimony of a number of prominent people, including Foster M. Voorhees, ex-governor of the State of New Jersey.

There are many precedents for the proposed legislation, and the passage of the bill is therefore recommended.